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- On 31 January 1953, the Chinese Communists launched a "reform campaign" in Burma in accordance with directives from China to correct past mistakes and increase efficiency. The campaign began on 1 February 1953 at the Burma Chinese High School in Rangoon with the self-confessions of the teaching staff. It was planned to continue the campaign among the student body at a later date.
- The decision to launch the campaign had been reached at a conference held at 67 Promé Road¹ in Rangoon. The meeting, presided over by LI P'ing (2621/5493), Consul General and Counsellor of Embassy,² was attended by 34 persons including Embassy officials and representatives of various Chinese Communist organizations. It was decided that the campaign would be carried out by cadre representatives of various Chinese Communist organizations under the supervision of members of the Chinese Embassy staff. CHIAO Ch'i-shu (3542/0366/2885)³ would supervise the campaign among the schools, HSIAO KANG (5618/1511)⁴ among labor organizations, and MENG Ying (1322/5391)⁵ among press and other publicity organs. LI P'ing would supervise the campaign among the remaining Chinese Communist organizations.
- At the conference it was pointed out that although the existence of diplomatic relations between Burma and Communist China should facilitate Communist activities, actually less progress has been made in Burma by the Chinese Communists than in other Southeast Asian countries. Dissatisfaction was expressed with the total failure of activities in the previous few months. It was stated that old ideas and prejudices had hampered progress and enabled the "reactionaries" to retain the initiative.

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